

RAJYA SABHA

Friday, the 2nd March, 2007/11 Phalguna, 1928 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

SOME POINTS

श्री अमर सिंह: सर, बहुत गंभीर मामला है। ... (व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: कोई रिकार्ड पर नहीं जाएगा। ... (व्यवधान)...

श्री अमर सिंह: *

श्री सभापति: सदन की कार्यवाही 12 बजे तक के लिए स्थगित की जाती है।

The House then adjourned at six minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at twelve of the clock,

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Food plazas and ATMs at stations

†*61. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has introduced schemes for opening food plazas and ATM facility at various major stations of the country;

(b) the date of introducing both the said schemes and the names of stations on which these have been introduced;

(c) the total amount spent on operation of these schemes; and

(d) the benefits to common man due to the same?

*Not recorded.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The First Food Plaza under IRCTC came up in Pune on 05.05.2002. As on date IRCTC is managing 38 Food Plazas over Indian Railways. The list of food plazas is given in Statement-I (See below).

There are 86 ATMs installed over Indian Railways (as on 31.7.06). The list of ATMs is given in Statement-II (See below). In addition, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with seven nationalized banks, viz., State Bank of India (SBI) (on 04.8.2006) and with, Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank, Dena Bank, Indian Bank, Punjab National Bank and Union Bank of India on (22.11.2006), for installation of ATMs for 1393 locations. A period of 15 months for SBI and 12 months for other banks have been provided in the MoU for identification of location and installation of the ATMs.

(c) and (d) Food Plazas are multi-cuisine food outlets which give variety of choice of food/beverages. The rate of items of food plazas are market determined. Food Plazas are established by way of public-private partnership. ATMs are being installed by the banks at their own cost.

By the provision of Food Plazas at stations the railway customers will get variety of standard food/beverages quickly as per need of the customers in a hygienic environment. They will not need to plan for such necessities, in our fast lives, while going to catch a train or on reaching the destination. Similarly, by provision of ATMs, the railway customers will be able to withdraw cash and get status of their transaction, balance etc. in the station premises itself thereby saving customers' time.

Statement-I

List of Food Plazas at various major stations

Sl.No.	Name of station	Date of introduction
1	2	3
1.	Pune	5.5.02
2.	Chennai Central	16.7.02
3.	Mumbai Central	31.10.02

1	2	3
4.	Kurseong-Darjeeling	10.3.03
5.	Patna First Floor	11.4.03
6.	Patna Ground Floor	11.4.03
7.	Howrah	24.6.03
8.	Visakhapatnam	24.6.03
9.	Allahabad Civil Line side	28.6.03
10.	Ranchi	30.8.03
11.	Delhi Jn.	31.8.03
12.	Hazrat Nizammuddin	5.9.30
13.	Tatanagar	10.9.03
14.	Bangalore	8.12.03
15.	Trichur	13.12.03
16.	Bilaspur	15.12.03
17.	Tirupati	3.2.04
18.	Nagpur	6.2.04
19.	Rajendra Nagar (T)	28.2.04
20.	Chennai Egmore	5.4.04
21.	Madurai	21.4.04
22.	Vijayawada	10.5.04
23.	Agra	8.6.04
24.	Ernakulam South	27.9.04
25.	Tiruchirappalli	15.10.04
26.	Shoranur Jn.	1.12.04
27.	Chennai Beach	4.12.04
28.	Allahabad City side	21.12.04
29.	Mumbai Churchgate	28.12.04
30.	Howrah	23.2.05
31.	Raipur	17.3.05
32.	Rajahmundry	26.3.05

1	2	3
33.	Habibganj	23.10.05
34.	Secunderabad	10.12.05
35.	Chennai Park	30.1.06
36.	Trivandrum Central	20.3.06
37.	Ernakulam North	19.4.06
38.	Vijayawada-II	18.10.06

Statement-II

Zone-wise details of Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) installed at various stations of Indian Railways

Zonal Railway	Stations where ATMs have been installed as on 31.07.2006	No. of ATMs installed as on 31.07.2006
1	2	3
Central	Mumbai CSTM, Akola, Nasik, Khandwa, Manmad, Pune (3),	8
Eastern	Howrah	1
East Central	Dhanbad, Mughalsarai, Gaya	3
East Coast	Vishakapatnam, Sambalpur	2
Northern	Sahranpur, Bhatinda, Chandigarh, Ambala	4
North Central	Allahabad, Agra, Gwalior	3
North Eastern	Badshahnagar	1
Northeast Frontier	—	Nil
North Western	—	Nil
Southern	Chennai Central, Moore Market Complex., Mambalam, Villivakam, Avadi, Chennai Egmore, Tambaram, Madurai Jn., Trivandrum, Kottayam, Trichur, Ernakulam, Tiruchirappali	13

1	2	3
South Central	Secunderabad (2), Guntur	3
South Eastern	Tatanagar	1
South East Central	Bilaspur, Raipur	2
South Western	Bangalore (2), Mysore	3
Western	Churchgate (3), Marine Lines, Charni Road (2), Grant Road (2), Mumbai Central (2), Mahalaxmi, Dadar (3), Bandra (3), Santa Cruz, Vile Parle (2), Andheri (4), Goregaon (2), Malad, Kandivli (2), Borivilli (3), Ahmedabad, Baroda (2), Anand	36
West Central	Kota, Bhopal (2), Habibganj (2), Jabalpur	6
TOTAL:		86

Damage of crops by insects

†*62. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crops worth about Rupees ninety thousand crores are damaged every year by insects;

(b) if so, the efforts being made by Government to prevent the damage being caused by these insects;

(c) the steps taken by Government during the last one year for easy availability of insecticides; and

(d) the quantity of insecticides used per hectare in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) There are no scientific estimates of crop losses due to pests, weeds and diseases, as the damage depends on various factors *inter-alia*, weather conditions, crop cultural practices, plant protection practices etc. However, the crop losses due to pests, weeds and diseases is approximately

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